National Council to Combat
Blindness, Inc.
REPORT ON OPERATIONS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL TO COMBAT BLINDNESS, INC.
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The National Council To Combat Blindness, Inc., was incorporated under the New York State Membership Corporation Law on September 19, 1946, for the purpose of arousing public interest and support for research into the causes of - and the treatments and cures for - blinding eye diseases and visual impairments.

The Council has a threefold program:-

1. EDUCATION: To gather and disseminate the facts with regard to the needs in the field of eye research and the potential of such research.

2. RESEARCH : To make research grants to accredited medical colleges and eye centers.

   To undertake the financing of fellowships in opthalmology and its related sciences.

3. SERVICE : To aid persons seeking eye care by furnishing them with information as to available accredited eye specialists and eye centers.

The Officers and Directors of the National Council To Combat Blindness, Inc. are:-

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The Council has three affiliates:

Arnold Reuben FIGHT FOR SIGHT Fund
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STAFF:

Executive Director, Miss Mildred Weisenfeld
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The Council employs a full time administrative staff of three:- bookkeeper, secretary and clerk-stenographer.

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH:

The Council's Committee on Research reviews all applications for research support directed to the Council and meets annually for the purpose of distributing grant awards. It also reviews progress and final reports submitted by investigators working under Council grants. The members of the Committee on Research are as follow:

Chairman: Phillips Thygeson, M.D.
Professor of Opthalmology
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Special consultant in Opthalmology to the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service

Served for two years as member of the National Advisory Institute of Neurological Diseases in Blindness Council

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The Director of the Division on Research and members of the Committee on Research set the policy and assist in directing that part of the Council's program which is concerned with service to eye sufferers.

The professional services of the Director of the Division on Research and the members of the Committee on Research are entirely voluntary. Volunteers on every level assist the Council in conducting its program. These include publicists, public relations counselors, case workers, and clerical aids.

COUNCIL RESEARCH AWARDS:

1950 - 1951

Boston City Hospital : study into electrical responses of retina and brain in patients with amblyopia ex anopsia and suppression.

New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals: regional light sensitivity of the retina - technique and theory.

Northwestern University Medical College: quantitative measurements of ocular fluorescein fluorescence in normal and glaucomatous eyes.

Nuffield Laboratory of Opthalmology, the Eye Hospital, Oxford University, England: investigation into the normal and abnormal structures of the vitreous humor by microchemical and histochemical methods.

University of Pennsylvania: virus infections of ocular tissues grafted onto the choricallantoic membrane of the chick embryo.

Retina Foundation, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary: acid Mucopolysaccharides in the vitreous body; their role in the composition of the vitreous body and their relationship to the proteins in the vitreous gel.

1951 - 1952

University Hospitals, University of Iowa (Continuation): electrical responses of retina and brain in patients with amblyopia ex anopsia and suppression.

New York University, Post-Graduate Medical School: attempts to grow the virus of inclusion conjunctivitus, follicular conjunctivitis and Folliculosis.

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary: investigation into the role of focal infection in the etiology of non-specific ocular inflammation.

University Hospitals, University of Iowa: investigation into the incidence and basic cause of cataract, hemorrhages, and degenerative changes in the retina and optic nerve of alloxan diabetic animals.

University of California Medical School: relationship of Uveitis to bacterial allergy.

University of Pennsylvania (Continuation): virus infections of ocular tissues grafted onto the choricallantoic membrame of the chick embryo.

Government Hospital, Haifa, Israel: investigation into factors affecting new vessel growth into the cornea.

Indiana University Medical School: study into the mechanism of development of contralateral granulomatous uveitis from the use of horse serum in rabbits.

New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center: retinopathy in diabetes.

New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals (Continuation): regional light sensitivity of the retina - technique and theory.

1952 - 1953

Retina Foundation, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (Continuation): Acid Mucopolysaccharides in the vitreous body. (Studies of certain chemicals forming the intraocular jelly with possible reference to retinal detachment and diseases of the vitreous.)

University Hospitals, University of Iowa (Continuation): electrical responses of retina and brain in patients with amblyopia ex anopsia and suppression.

New York Eye and Ear Infirmary: the possible role of hyperestrinium in the etiology of retrolental fibroplasia.

Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia: investigation of the intermediary reactions and the enzyme systems involved in the anaerobic glycosis of the lens.

New York Medical College, Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals: detection of plane polarized light by the human eye.

Stanford University School of Medicine: visual characteristics of macular and peripheral retina in ambyopia associated with convergent and divergent deviation.

University of Louisville School of Medicine: role of estrogenic and androgenic substances on the retinal vascular patter in alloxan diabetic rats.

Other Council Grants-in-aid

New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center: investigations into the efficacy of certain therapies in the treatment of Retinitis Pigmentosa and other night blinding diseases.

Yale University School of Medicine: study of application of ACTH in primary glaucoma.

New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center: study into Choroideremia.

NOTE: Some of the eye problems investigated in the preceding list of grants are:

Blindness in Premature Infants, Glaucoma, Detachment of the Retina, Cataract, Defective Sight in Crossed Eyes, Blindness due to Diabetes, Night Blindness, and Uveitis.

DIGEST OF FINANCES:

	1949	1950	1951
Income	$26,615.68	$42,036.13	$46,178.97
Public Education and Service	5,916.50	6,282.77	8,874.34
Research Expenditures	1,304.12	17,193.04	23,436.50
Allocated For Research - to be expended in next year	16,865.00 *	18,688.93	23,000.00

* Includes balance of $6,825.00 from prior year.

The accounts of the National Council To Combat Blindnes, Inc. are audited periodically by Certified Public Accountants. Council funds are protected by all-risk insurance and officers and staff members of the organization are bonded.

The National Council To Combat Blindness, Inc. was granted a tax exemption certificate by the Department of Internal Revenue. All contributions and membership dues are tax deductible.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

For Year Ended March 31, 1952

INCOME:	
Membership	$11,462.25
Contributions	7,122.22
Arnold Reuben FIGHT FOR SIGHT FUND	6,285.04
Special Events and Projects	17,503.70
Interest	197.87
Refunds From Unexpended Grants of 1950	3,607.89
TOTAL INCOME	$46,178.97
EXPENSES:	
* Funds Allocated To Research	$23,000.00
Research B	3,190.50
Program Support	4,119.30
Public Education and Service	8,874.34
Administration	5,335.94
TOTAL EXPENSES:	$44,520.08
Net Increase:	$ 1,658.39
Add: Cash in Banks (April 1, 1951)	30,345.03
Total:	$32,003.92
Less: Amount expended for grants from funds allocated in prior years:	20,246.00
Balance:	$11,757.92
Add: Unexpended balance in research funds:	23,000.00
CASH IN BANKS: March 31, 1952:	$34,757.92

* Research expended and allocated from Total Income: 56.7%

The above Summary is an excerpt from a complete Financial Statement prepared by Gordon, Kraus and Company, Certified Public Accountants of 122 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York, on May 6, 1952.